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AMERICAN MILITARY UNIT IN BUCHAREST

16 April 1945

TO : Commanding Officer, Hqs. 2677th Regiment, 352, (Prov.),
APO 512, U.S. Army

Attention: Chief, X-2

FROM : Chief, American Military Unit in Bucharest

SUBJECT : Departure of Major Bishop

1. On the morning of 11 April 1945 I was at the desk of Lt. Col. Emmens, Air Section Chief for the ACC, when he telephoned Major Bishop to tell him to be ready to leave on a plane departing that day at 1500. Major Bishop was not at his office and Colonel Emmens then phoned his home, where he was reached. When Colonel Emmens told him that he should be ready to leave at the appointed time, Major Bishop told him that he would not be able to catch the plane. When Colonel Emmens hung up he told me of Major Bishop's response and I asked that he not take his name off the list until I talked to Major Bishop myself. Rather than have any argument over the telephone in Colonel Emmens' office, I immediately walked upstairs to my own office, taking not more than five or six minutes, and called Bishop at the same number. A woman who spoke English perfectly answered the telephone and stated that Major Bishop had been gone for some time. I commented that he could not have been gone for some time because I had just heard Colonel Emmens talking to him a few minutes before and that he could only have just left if, indeed, he was gone from the house. She then stated that she did not know anything about that part of it, that she only knew he was not there and presumed he had gone early to his office. I said he was not at his office and asked whether or not she had any idea where he could be found. Her answer was that she did not know where he could be found.

2. I then at once got in touch with Lt. Thames who stated he had no information whatever as to Major Bishop's location, that he had not seen him or talked to him that morning. I then asked Lt. Thames to go to his home and other places that he might think of in an effort to find Major Bishop. Lt. Thames did so and in addition sent Pvt. Pope to look in other places for the officer. I personally telephoned the Legation and the British ACC trying to locate him. Further, I had Lt. Norman Armour of the ACC, who has been assigned to work for Bishop, on the lookout for him. In addition, I left word for Bishop at his home and with the receptionists at both buildings that he should get in touch with me promptly.

3. The morning went by. At noon I was forced to tell Colonel Emmens that Major Bishop's name should be removed from the passenger manifest list. I then went to the airport myself to see the planes off, carrying Captain Kuhn, Captain Fair, and Sgt. Donish.

4. In the afternoon, about 1500 hours Major Bishop appeared in my office and stated he understood he had missed a plane and explained that he had


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that he had been keeping an appointment with some ex-German agents, elaborating on the importance of the information which he had obtained. I told Major Bishop that I did not think he had any appointment to keep concerning which he could not have given information to me or Lt. Thames and, further, that because of his imminent departure, he should have certainly taken Lt. Thames along on any such appointment so that he might have the advantage of the information revealed to Bishop.

5. I also reminded Major Bishop I had talked with him only the afternoon before, reminding him that a plane might go on short notice and that he should be ready. At that time Bishop stated that he could be ready on a few hours notice. I also informed Major Bishop, when Colonel Immens told him of the proposed flight, that it was not up to Major Bishop to decide on his own authority that he would not catch the plane. I reminded him that he was under orders to leave on the first airplane departing and that I considered his decision to defer his departure as unauthorized and unwarranted. I told him further that, in view of his action, he was relieved immediately of any duty in Bucharest and that his movements were confined to the city proper. The attached memo was then issued appointing Lt. Thames as Acting Chief of the X-2 Branch.


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Chief of Unit.

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